



3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$804.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 24-35 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

-- This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/349,761, filed July 9, 1999. --.

7. New drawings are enclosed, forty-nine (49) sheets, Figs. 1-56.

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9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

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The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/349,761, as originally filed on July 9, 1999.

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